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December 20, 2019

Holiday Schedule
Christmas, Tuesday – Wednesday, Dec. 24 and Dec. 25
New Year's Day, Tuesday – Wednesday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for the Christmas holiday on Tuesday – Wednesday, Dec. 24 and Dec. 25, and New Year's, Tuesday – Wednesday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1:

County Offices – closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Libraries – closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Dec. 24 and 31: branches close at 6 p.m.

Alcohol Beverage Services (ABS) – stores closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Recreation – programs and facilities closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Montgomery Parks - visit www.MontgomeryParks.org.

Ride On – Dec. 24: Ride On operates from the route endpoints until 10 p.m.; runs starting from the endpoints after 10 p.m. will not operate. Dec. 25 and Jan. 1: Ride On operates on a Sunday schedule.

Ride On Flex – Dec. 24 and Dec. 31: Ride On Flex operates on normal operations. Dec. 25 and Jan. 1: Ride On Flex has no operations.

Metrorail and Metrobus – visit www.wmata.com.

TRIPS Commuter Store (Silver Spring) – closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

TRIPS Mobile Commuter Store – closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station – closes 3 at p.m. on Dec. 24; closed Dec. 25. Closes at 3 p.m. on Dec. 31; closed Jan. 1.

County-provided refuse/recycling pickup – County-provided trash and recycling collection is canceled Dec. 25. After the holiday, County-provided recycling and trash collections will slide by one day later than normal, with last collection on Saturday, Dec.

28. County-provided trash and recycling collection is canceled Jan. 1. After the holiday, County-provided recycling and trash collections will slide one day later than normal, with the last collection on Saturday, Jan. 4.

Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters – normal parking fees and regulations in effect on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. Parking will be free on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

State offices and courts – closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Live Discussion with County Executive Marc Elrich
Thursday, January 9 1:00pm-2:00pm
Via the Montgomery County [website](#)



You may submit questions before and during the online event at [Live Discussion with County Executive Marc Elrich](#).

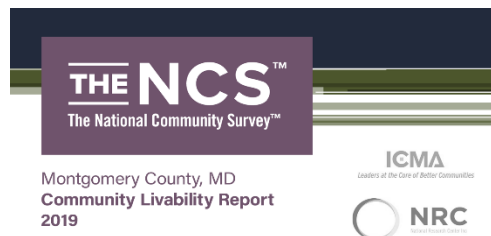
Questions and answers will be available online. For more information, call the Office of Public Information at 240-777-6507.

Meetings of the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board in January 2020

January 6	Land Use Committee
January 13	Quality of Life Committee
January 27	Executive Committee (6:00pm)
January 27	Full Board (7:00pm)

Meeting agendas will be posted on the Upcounty homepage, www.montgomerycountymd.gov/upcounty.

All board and committee meetings are open to the public!



Community Survey Conducted About Our County

County Executive Marc Elrich released the findings of a county-commissioned independent survey that shows residents rate Montgomery County with an increasingly positive feeling over the past 12 years as a desirable place to live, raise children, work and enjoy a good quality of life.

The survey also indicates that the residents surveyed think there is significant room for improvement in the categories of a place to retire, affordable housing, affordable childcare/preschool, traffic congestion and public transportation.

The responses are published and analyzed in a [series of reports](#). Also see the [press release](#).

You're invited!

Montgomery County's Office of Procurement Holds Open House
Wednesday, January 15 10:00am – 11:00am
Office of Procurement, Suite 180
255 Rockville Pike, Rockville

Update!

FY21 Montgomery County Community Grants Application Process and Timeline

The FY21 Community Grants Application portal will open on January 2, 2020 with grant applications due on January 29, 2020.

[View the December 19, 2019 memo on the FY21 Community Grants process from the Office of Management and Budget to the County Council.](#)

After discussions and focus groups with County and nonprofit stakeholders, Montgomery County is pleased to announce the FY21 Community Grants Application Process. Please note that there are a number of changes to the grants process for FY21 as outlined below.

- The County Council and County Executive FY21 Community Grants programs, including the application process and corresponding budgets, will be combined, creating a single, streamlined process.
- The community grant application portal for FY21 grants will open for submissions on January 2, 2020.
- The Community Grant application portal will close on January 29, 2020.
- OMB and County departmental staff will review the renewal grant applications and make recommendations to the Executive, and the Executive will include specific recommendations for renewal grants in his FY21 Recommended Budget in March.
- The Executive will include in his FY21 Recommended Budget, subject to affordability, an amount of funding available for new and enhanced community grants programs.
- Due to timing constraints, recommendations for specific new and enhanced Community Grants will not be included in the FY21 Recommended Budget. Instead, OMB and Council staff will jointly develop a review process for new and enhanced programs. These recommendations will be transmitted to Council after March 15.

Community Grant application training workshops will be conducted throughout the County for nonprofit partners during the week of January 6, 2020. These are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, January 7, 2020 – Plum Gar Recreation Center at 10:00 am;
- Tuesday, January 7, 2020 – Wheaton Community Center at 2:00 pm;
- Wednesday, January 8, 2020 – Council Office Building at 5:30 pm; and
- Thursday, January 9, 2020 – Silver Spring Civic Center at 10:00 am.

Given the current fiscal climate and the intention to transition to a new Community Grants process in FY22, the County Executive will recommend prioritizing funding in the following order.

1. Renewing viable and effective FY20 Community Grants funded programs.
 2. Renewing programs and funding levels for Community Grants from FY18 and FY19, if they were funded at a lower level or not funded for FY20.
 3. Creating, as funding allows, a limited pool of resources for new programs or program enhancements.
- The Community Grants application and review process for the Cost-Sharing Capital Grants process will not change so that State matching funds can continue to be maximized.
 - Additional changes to the grants process are being discussed for implementation in fiscal year 2022, there will be additional opportunities for the nonprofit community to have input in that process – those will be announced for Spring and Summer 2020.

For more information, visit the grant application portal at www.mcmandgrants.fluidreview.com (accessible via Google Chrome).

Montgomery Council News

For information on past agendas for Council sessions, committee meetings, prior meeting minutes, actions, access to informational packets for every issue to be discussed at meetings, viewing of live meetings and archived videos of past meetings, and more, go to the Council [web site](#). Click the box titled "Council Meeting Portal".

FOR ONGOING COUNCIL INFORMATION:

Sign up to receive notifications about Council legislation by visiting https://apps.montgomerycountymd.gov/ccllims/bill_List.aspx and selecting the bill you would like to follow.

New Senior Fellows Program

The Montgomery County Council is introducing a Senior Fellows program. It is a unique opportunity for retired residents of Montgomery County to bring their wealth of knowledge and diversity of experiences and perspectives from varied careers and/or volunteerism to the offices of the County Council. Senior Fellows will be part of a Councilmember team assisting with ongoing projects, policy analyses and community outreach. Participants are expected to work part-time throughout the year (Jan-Dec 2020) and will receive a monetary stipend.

The deadline to apply is January 3, 2020. More information can be found in the following links.

Webpage: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/SpecialPrograms/SeniorFellows/index.html>

Brochure: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Resources/Files/SeniorFellows/SeniorFellows2020.pdf>

Application: <https://mcgmd.wufoo.com/forms/k1pi1nnc03wwji1/>

Montgomery County Public Libraries Expands Hours at the Damascus Branch

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) announced that the Damascus Library, located at 9701 Main St., will expand hours starting Sunday, January 5. The new hours will add three morning hours on Wednesdays and two evening hours on Thursdays.

In April 2019, County Councilmember Craig Rice, chair of the Council's Education and Culture Committee, and Councilmember Will Jawando, the Council's lead for MCPL, recommended that funds be added to the County's Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget to add hours to align with the rest of the County's library system.

New hours as of Sunday, January 5:

- Monday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sunday: 1 to 5 p.m.

For more information about Damascus Library and all MCPL branches, visit the [website](#).





Economic Development 2020

Peruse the latest Livability issue of Montgomery County Economic Development and discover how location, resources and talent make Montgomery County an ideal choice for businesses. The 2020 issue includes articles about the diverse business climate, high quality of life, opportunities for entrepreneurs, innovation and more.

- [Read the publication online](#)

Happy Holidays from the Upcounty Regional Office!



For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council>

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep>

Department of Permitting Services <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships>

Commission for Women <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>

Department of Health and Human Services www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs

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